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Firelands campus sees record enrollment increase

By Alissa Widman
Reporter

BGSU Firelands, the regional branch campus of the University, is turning heads with a record enrollment of 2,416 students for the fall 2009 semester.

[Firelands], which was founded through community fund-raisers more than forty years ago, has come a long way, said Firelands Marketing Director Lesley Ruszkowski.

According to a press release, all undergraduate categories at Firelands experienced increases from last year. The largest increases were in freshman and sophomores, 14.4 and 11.3

percent respectively. Juniors increased by 0.4 percent and seniors by 8.5 percent.

According to Ruszkowski, these increases are due to a variety of factors.

"The economy is playing a huge factor," she said. "We are cheaper than main campus, so students are able to stay at home, earn and save some money, and then transfer to make the transition toward their baccalaureate degrees."

Ruszkowski said enrollment also may have been positively affected by Firelands' increased marketing and student support efforts. She said the college is smaller than most, which pro-

vides students with the benefit of more personal attention and flexible scheduling for the large number of non-traditional students who attend.

Firelands offers clubs, day and night student activities, tutoring and learning centers, computer labs, an art gallery and a beautiful campus, Ruszkowski said.

"I think people see the value of going to a regional campus of Bowling Green State University that is in their own backyard," Ruszkowski said. "We have all the benefits of BGSU main campus — the name, resources and talents — we're just 62 miles

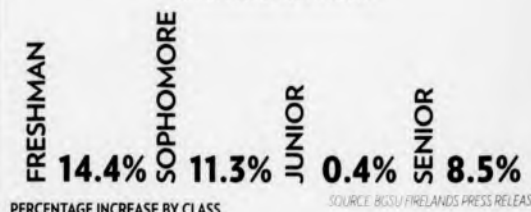
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FIRELANDS

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS THIS YEAR: 2,416

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS LAST YEAR: 2,354

TOTAL PERCENT INCREASE: 2.6%



SOURCE: BGSU FIRELANDS PRESS RELEASE

MAIN CAMPUS

ENROLLMENT: TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

FALL 2002	13,934	FALL 2003	13,969
FALL 2004	13,875	FALL 2005	13,769
FALL 2006	13,629	FALL 2007	12,999
FALL 2008	12,274		

SOURCE: BGSU OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

CRAMMING TOO MUCH



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS

Utilizing effective study techniques can pay off during exams

By Michelle Olmstead
Reporter

While the leaves are changing and thoughts of Halloween dance in students' heads, midterms have arrived and finals are looming in the not-so-distant future.

For students struggling with study habits, Dan Fasko, a professor of Educational Psychology, has a few anxiety-easing tips.

Fasko recommended using the P-Q-4R method for effective studying: Preview, Question, Read, Reflect, Recite and Review.

While cramming for a test is ill advised, Fasko said it does work for some students.

"There's that old adage, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it,'" he said.

Ideally, students should try to spread their study time out, Fasko said. Studying in intervals over a three day period instead of last-minute cramming allows students to better retain and retrieve information.

The type of test one is preparing for should also be kept in mind while reviewing for an exam. It is very different to study for a test that is multiple choice as opposed to an essay exam, Fasko said.

"The way to study for multiple choice is you're looking for recall and recognition, so look for something that's going to trigger a cue," he explained. "For essays, you really have to be

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Latino Issues Conference to offer new twist, including focus on Latino cultural arts

By Jess James
Reporter

At this year's Latino Issues Conference, students will be able to experience a taste of Latino culture and an even better taste of traditional Hispanic food.

LIC, which starts today at 8:30 a.m., will feature an all-day conference with world-renowned

Latina artist Polo Lopez. Lopez will be the guest of honor and the main keynote speaker for her work in the Latino arts.

According to her biographical Web site, Lopez was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and has been a professional artist for over 25 years. Lopez's artwork has been on display all over the world and brings a colorful mix

of vibrant Hispanic culture in the female Latino tradition.

LIC will host several Latino academic speakers from the Northwest Ohio area. Among them will be Emanuel Enriquez, whose sculptures and artwork have been on display at sev-

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ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

ENTREPRENEUR: Senior Molly Swope has combined her music major and entrepreneur minor to start her on-line business, Bravo Bassoon Reeds. Swope will handmake the reeds sold on the Web site, a skill she picked up in one of her University courses.

University senior opens her own bassoon reed business

By Austin Arnold
Reporter

Senior Molly Swope is on the brink of launching her own online business. She does not intend to sell clothes, used textbooks or electronics, but rather, bassoon reeds.

The name of Swope's business is Bravo Bassoon Reeds and she hopes to have the business up and running by the start of November.

According to Swope, a music major and entrepreneur minor, each student playing the bassoon at the University is required to make their own reed, which is the attachment placed at the top of the instrument. Swope said once she

realized the quality of hand-made reeds, she got the idea to try to sell them.

"Most reeds you find in music stores are cheaply made because they are mass produced by machines and those reeds usually only last a month or so," she said. "I think with handmade reeds you get a better sound and they last longer as well."

Freshman Laura Willis has been a bassoonist for around eight years and she said she agrees handmade reeds are better than ones found in stores.

"The reeds Molly intends to sell are excellent sounding

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Make a Difference Day draws student volunteers

By Michelle Olmstead
Reporter

On Oct. 24, thousands of people across the nation will volunteer time in their communities as part of Make a Difference Day.

Although this year will mark its 19th anniversary, this is the first year the Wood County United Way has organized service projects for Make a Difference Day.

Whether it is landscaping, painting or feeding the homeless, people of all ages are encouraged to donate time to improve their community.

Whitney Hubbard, the volunteer coordinator at the Wood County United Way, is in charge of organizing the service projects and recruiting volunteers for Make a Difference Day this year.

"I have mostly contacted Bowling Green State University students," Hubbard said. "So the majority of the volunteers are students, and then there's the Americorp group too."

Hubbard was also in charge

"It's just another way to help out your community,"

Whitney Hubbard | coordinator

of contacting community businesses and organizations to see if they needed a hand with any cumbersome work.

Among the list of projects this year is painting rooms at Wood County Health Department and landscaping at the Wood County Historical Center. Volunteers will also be contributing their time to the Wood County Park District.

"It's just another way to help out your community," Hubbard said. "My goal this year is really to try to build a better relationship with the BG students and the campus, to try to get them more involved with

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MONDAY,
OCT. 19

9:43 A.M.

Complainant reported sometime during the night unknown subject(s) broke the windshield on a Wood County Medical Equipment van within the 1200th block of W. Wooster St.

2:16 P.M.

Complainant reported the rear window of his vehicle was broken sometime during the night within the 700th block of E. Napoleon Road. Damage valued at \$300.

5:11 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) stole two pistols, valued at \$750, and his portable Playstation system, valued at \$350, within the 900th block of S. Main St.

9:16 P.M.

Michael and Thomas Mori, of Perrysburg, were cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana at Darrow Hall.

11:43 P.M.

Brittany Bart, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for assault at Tubby's Tavern.

TUESDAY OCT. 20

1:11 A.M.

Patrick Norman, 23, of Chatfield Ave., was arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct unable to care for self within the 100th block of N. Main St.

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able to synthesize the material, analyze the question, and then very frequently with essays, you have to give examples."

The time of the day can play a part in the effectiveness of studying as well; whether a student is a morning person or a night owl can greatly affect the quality of concentration.

For maximum alertness, young adults and adolescents especially should aim for 9 hours of sleep, Fasko said.

"There is some research that indicates that mint can keep you more alert," he added.

For serious study time, senior Brittany Adkins prefers the quiet

atmosphere of a cafe.

"Grounds for Thought is a really great place to study, in my opinion," Adkins said. "The atmosphere is calm, but not too calm — or else I'd end up doing something else like Facebooking."

Freshman Hannah Mathews said her favorite study spots include the second floor of the Union and the library.

"If I have a test the next day, I'll always write up a note card and read it right before bed like five times," she added. "My dad always says that you can learn when you sleep."

In order to minimize test anxiety, Fasko offered a few more simple tips.

"Don't study right before the test, because if you don't get

through everything you think you need to be studying, it will just make you more anxious," Fasko said.

Showing up for class and taking notes is also must, Fasko said; but often, students need to brush up on their note-taking skills.

"Many students try to write down everything the professor says, and that's not the way to do it," he said. "I recommend very strongly that you paraphrase because it always makes more sense to study in your own words."

Finally, Fasko said students need to take time to breathe. Inhale. Exhale. Relax.

For additional study help, students may contact the Study Skills Center at 419-372-8840.

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organizations here."

Senior Lisa Lloyd is among the University group of volunteers for Make a Difference Day.

Majoring in social work, Lloyd is also a peer counselor at the Bowling Green Pregnancy Center. Volunteering is an important part of her life, she said.

"I guess that's kind of what I want to do with my life, as a social worker, just making a difference in people's lives," Lloyd said. "It's a great feeling when you know you've been able to help somebody."

Make a Difference Day was initiated in 1990 by USA Weekend Magazine, accord-

ing the magazine's Web site. Nearly 3 million people volunteered in 2008.

More than 50 volunteers will be helping this year in Wood County on Make a Difference Day, said Hubbard.

"We didn't really know how good of a response we would get," she said. "I actually got more volunteers than I thought, which is an awesome problem to have."

Since the date is drawing near, Hubbard said there probably will not be any more service projects added to the list.

Although the Wood County United Way does not need more

volunteers for Make a Difference Day, there are plenty of upcoming opportunities for students to get involved.

Students interested in volunteering can find more information their Web site, www.unitedwaytoledo.org/volunteer.

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reeds," she said. "They are solid and stable, which make them good quality."

Not only is there appeal in the quality of the reeds, but also the need for them at nearby schools, which is another reason for creating a business, Swope said.

"I know a lot of schools in Northwest Ohio buy a handful of reeds, especially at the beginning of the year, so the market is there," she said.

Bassoon professor Nate Zeisler is helping Swope get started by advising her on business decisions. He said his fascination with entrepreneurship and music is one of the driving factors of getting

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northeast."

When asked about the benefits of Firelands, freshman Haley White of Sandusky, Ohio, said her decision was ultimately decided by cost. She said it was cheaper to live at home, about 15 minutes from Firelands, and receive the same nursing degree she would at the University's main campus or another university.

"They also have a huge learning center and a lot of tutors," White said.

Freshman Shelby Stierhoff said along with affordability, her job and Firelands' proximity to her hometown, Castalia, Ohio, were also factors in her decision.

"The professors are down to earth and the campus has such a friendly atmosphere," Stierhoff said. "I am also so glad I have the option to go to Firelands for my first two years and then transfer to main campus to finish my

degree if I want to."

William Balzer, Dean of BGSU Firelands, said the growth in enrollment is a great success and is allowing the college to adapt to the challenges of expansion in a positive way.

"I think everybody, speaking on behalf of people in the college and community, sees it as a great success. It's nice to know students who want a college education are able to get it in their home community," he said. "It's a terrific opportunity and value, and I think everyone appreciates the effect it can have on economic development in the north coast area."

Ruszkowski and Balzer both said they believe Firelands' enrollment is patterned to increase in the years to come.

"Past behavior is one of the best indicators of future behavior," Balzer said. "We have a plan in place to continue a modest but regular enrollment increase over the next couple of years."

involved in this project.

"I've always been interested in bridging the art world with the business world," he said. "I've been encouraging students to try and generate a fusion between the two fields and then Molly came up with this idea, which is exactly that."

Zeisler said one key aspect that may lead to Bravo Bassoon Reeds being successful is the fact that the business is online.

"At a music store you are usually going to spend a couple of extra bucks because they purchase their reeds from manufacturers, which ups the price so the store can make a profit," he said. "The reeds we're selling are made by hand and are less expensive, so I think there is good chance for this business to thrive."

Although income would be nice, Zeisler said he hopes the business creates more than just money.

"Our goal is to inspire other students to start their own busi-

nesses someday," he said. "It doesn't have to be some big idea, just start small and that might lead into something big or at least a learning experience. I know Molly will definitely have something valuable to take away from this business and you never know what idea will take off."

Swope said she is also looking at the bigger picture and not just dollar signs.

"We really want to create a lot of good through this business," she said. "The plan is to provide people with a better quality product, which will make the instrument easier to play, and therefore, it will be more enjoyable. That is our way of being a musical advocate for the community."

Swope said she plans on selling regular reeds for \$10 and premium reeds for \$25. Part of the purchase for each premium reed sold will be donated to the charity Global Heartstrings.

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eral locations on campus. The most notable of those works is the "Metamorphosis" sculpture which is located in front of University Hall.

LIC chairperson Manuel Pomaes said he hopes the conference will bring together people of all cultural backgrounds and stress the value of Latino education.

"Education is very important for many Latinos," Pomaes said. "A little known fact about Hispanics is we are rated the sixth most intelligent ethnicity. The conference is hoping to show the Latino appreciation for our culture, art and academics."

Committee members are working hard to ensure this year's conference will have a unique feel. Yolanda Flores, committee member from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said the conference staff has been trying to incorporate new cultural distinctions that will separate the event from past conferences.

"We want to have a little different twist this year with the cultural arts," Flores said. "This year, we decided to go in the arts area so we can incorporate other University organizations and involve the community."

The menu for the luncheon will be filled with a variety of Latino cuisine, and will be well worth the cost, said Latino Student Union member Freshman Joel Guzman. If nothing else, students will get a great meal for their money, he said.

"The food options were hand-selected from University Dining Services," he said. "Students and the community would really be getting a lot out of this event. Not only would they get to see beautiful Latino art, they will be dining on authentic Hispanic food."

The conference, which will last from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be located in 101 Olscamp Hall. Admission is free, but luncheon tickets are \$10. To RSVP, call (419) 372-2124.

Professor to head sport
psychology associationBy Matt Nye
Reporter

University professor Bonnie Berger is tackling a job on a national scale as president-elect of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology.

Berger has taught exercise and sport psychology at the University for 10 years, and recently stepped down from her position as director of the School of Human Movement Sport and Leisure Studies to take the helm of the largest sport psychology organization in the world. Berger will start her new job sometime in the middle of next September.

"I really like the University and that's why I'm staying to teach, as well as take a step up into this position," Berger said.

Berger was chosen as president-elect from a total of 739 participants and 296 papers accepted for the position. Explaining the size of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology, she said 1,300 members from 28 different countries attended the organization's last conference in Salt Lake City.

"They had what is called the parade of flags showing every flag involved with the organization," she said.

Next year marks the 25th anniversary of the organization

and Berger said she is eager to get started.

"As president, I would like to stress three things: continuing to do what [the organization is] doing well, addressing our weaknesses and exploring new frontiers," Berger said.

She said a major strength would be merging the interests and needs of researchers and practitioners within a single organization, which will enhance the strength and impact of both the discipline and profession.

Berger has made an impact on not only with the Association for Applied Sport Psychology, but also with fellow professors at the University.

"Dr. Berger has done some innovative work in exercise psychology and has helped the program grow. She has been a mentor for me," professor David Tobar said. "She also deals with people's enjoyment of exercise and how it can affect the psychological aspect of people's exercise habits."

The idea of sport psychology is a mixture of research, sport and exercise.

Berger said there are three major ideals. Performance enhancement and mental toughness are the mental skills that help a person do his or her best. She said health psychol-



PHOTO PROVIDED

ON A NATIONAL STAGE: University professor Bonnie Berger will become the president of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology next year.

ogy is building mental health, the psychological benefits of exercise and includes a range of population from athletes to regular exercisers. The last aspect is the social psychology of exercise, which deals with group cohesion and experiences children have in sports and how that will affect them throughout the rest of their life.

Berger's interim successor for the director job at the University, Lynn Darby, said she believes Berger is the right choice to lead the national organization.

"Bonnie is a well-known researcher in her field of sport psychology and is highly qualified from serving as the director of our school. [She's] also a very strong leader," Darby said.

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TOP LEFT: Freshman Ben Ehler makes a call to Ohio Sen. George Voinovich, asking him to support President Barack Obama's plan for health care reform. Ehler said the call wasn't a big interruption in his day. "The call took 20 seconds," he said. "I do believe that everyone's health care is important." **TOP RIGHT:** After recruiting a fellow student to the cause, sophomore Becky Zimmer waits for him to sign a petition that commits him to call his senator at another time. Zimmer became involved in yesterday's event after receiving a notice from Obama's mailing list. "Everyone is really apathetic," she said. "But if you're going to complain about something you need to do your part." **MIDDLE:** Members of Progress BG, Freedom and the College Democrats participate in a nationwide effort to have people call their senators asking them to support health care reform. Junior Jake Richman (far right), a member of Freedom, said he has always had a strong drive to keep people healthy. "We're supporting for basic needs of humans and there are people going without [health care]," he said. *Photos by Hannah Sparling, The BG News*

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CLASSROOM

The Union Oval was filled yesterday with groups putting their passions for politics, philanthropy and creativity in the face, and in the path, of the student body



ABOVE: Juniors Mark Huber and Phil Flahive do their time in the homemade cage placed in the Union Oval by Pi Kappa Phi yesterday afternoon. Members of the fraternity took turns spending time in the cage to raise awareness and funds for the Pi Kappa Phi charity Push America, which concentrates on bettering the lives of people with disabilities. Junior Special Education major and member of Pi Kappa Phi Jeff Totten said the cage is a representation of the charity's purpose. "It is a way to show the barriers people with disabilities face everyday," Totten said. Flahive said the time he spent in the cage was effective on a personal level. "Spending time in here really gives us a good perspective of having boundaries," Flahive said. **LEFT:** Members of the Student Glass Art Association sell some of their work in the Union Oval yesterday afternoon. SAGA members have been getting together every Sunday to make glass pumpkins to be sold as a fundraiser for the group. SAGA will have their work on sale through the end of the week, depending on how quickly pieces are sold. The profits made from this week's sale, along with other projects, will go towards bringing in guest artists. *Photos by Alaina Buzas, Photo Editor*



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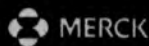
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you owned an online business, what would it sell?



"Casual fashion: tops and bottoms."

ERICA BLACKMAN, Freshman, Fashion



"T-shirts that say things like 'Loser' and 'Talk to the hand.'"

ZACH SKEES, Sophomore, Business



"Those 2-in-1 toothpicks and floss in customizable colors and designs."

AARON SKEES, Sophomore, VCT



"Alcohol for college students, with sales during midterm and finals weeks."

COURTNEY CROMWELL, Sophomore, TCOM

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STAFF EDITORIAL

University's attempts to stop binge drinking unrealistic

This week, college students are supposed to be taking a shot at alcoholism.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week kicked off Monday to warn campuses against the many dangers of drinking, especially alcohol poisoning and driving under the influence. Annually observed during the third week in October, the week exists to raise alcohol awareness by providing high- and low-risk consumption guidelines.

But what is the University actually doing to effectively raise awareness?

Binge drinking has always been an issue on college campuses, and placing a "crashed car" on the lawn of the Student Recreation Center to represent drunk driving dangers is not going to stop students from invading the downtown bars every weekend. Bringing in a comedian to joke about alcohol issues may just perpetuate the "cool" aspect of drinking. And handing out bottles of water on "Thirsty Thursdays" to keep students hydrated while drinking does not sound like a deterrent. (For more information,

read Monday's story "University aims to educate on risks of binge drinking" online at www.bgviews.com.)

Beyond these attempts, it must be noted the consumption guidelines show the complete disconnect of health professionals from the college experience.

Low-risk drinking is defined as one drink for females per day, no more than two drinks for men per day and no more than four drinks per week. High-risk drinking is consuming five or more alcoholic beverages in one sitting for males and four or more drinks for females.

How does that compare to your average Friday night?

Let's be realistic. Some college students are going to drink alcohol and asking them to drink one or two beverages on the average weekend day is a little far-fetched.

The University needs to create rational goals because the college atmosphere fosters drinking. While not all students choose to consume alcoholic

beverages, a large number do.

In 2006, 158 University students were arrested for alcohol-related incidences, along with 88 in 2007 and 147 in 2008, according to University police records. There were 316 University disciplinary referrals in 2006, 312 in 2007 and 233 in 2008.

We know there's a binge drinking problem on campus and we know there's little the University can do about it, so, the solution?

Drink responsibly. No amount of alcohol awareness will stop college students from following drinking stereotypes and scouring the bars every weekend (or weekday). And if you're under 21, the laws still apply to you.

Know that decisions made while drinking excessive amounts of alcohol still count and do have consequences, so use common sense.

This editorial does not reflect the view of the entire BG News staff.

THE LEGEND OF BONES MALONE



KEITH PAKIZ | THE BG NEWS

Artistic quality missing in most post-Beatles pop/rock music

"Not everybody has to take music so seriously. But far too many are simply content with what they are being offered."



KYLE SCHMIDLIN, FORUM EDITOR

Frank Zappa once remarked, "Jazz isn't dead, it just smells funny." I feel the same way about modern pop and rock music.

I believe, and doubt seriously I am alone, that popular music in general has suffered a sharp decline in quality, beginning roughly with the break-up of the Beatles. It has been on the ventilator ever since the popularization of arena rock, punk rock and disco. Let us not even speak, for now at least, of such atrocities as dance pop or alternative rock.

In 1966, the Beatles released the first of their masterpieces, "Revolver." The album was among the most significant events in turning pop and rock music into an art form, to be taken as seriously as any other.

Over the next five or six years, music saw several other important innovations, culminating with progressive rock. Here was popular music taken to its peak, successfully merging elements of jazz, classical, and folk music with rock tones, to varying degrees (King Crimson, for instance, incorporated much jazz, but it's anybody's guess where exactly the music of Yes derives from).

But then, something happened, and everything kind of died down. Good music continued to be made, and continues to be made, but there haven't been many serious innovations in style.

Taste is certainly a factor, and being totally original is not the be-all end-all of great music. But it is one factor — one of five, in fact, as drawn up by independent music reviewer George Starostin.

Starostin's now-defunct Web site, "Only Solitaire," features extensive reviews of nearly every major artist and album from the 60s, 70s and more. The sheer volume of material on the

site is incredible, but it is his rating system which was most cleverly devised. Each album is awarded a score on a scale of 1-10, and each band is given points ranging from 1-5. The band points are added to the album points to achieve an overall score out of 15.

Bands are rated in five basic criteria: listenability, resonance, originality, adequacy and diversity. All these are features that, I would imagine, everybody looks for in their music.

Now is the time to bring up alt rock — let's take a band whose low quality is virtually uncontested: Nickelback. Judging them on these criteria, I might score them a 2 out of 5 for listenability, a 1 for resonance, a 0 for originality (aren't there about a million bands that sound exactly like them?), a 0 for adequacy (they're always trying way too hard) and a 0 for diversity.

This gives them an overall, or average, score of 0.6 out of a possible 5, or 12 percent, based on criteria which are as close to objective as any reviewer is likely to come.

One argument you might have is that judging music on any rigid guidelines like these is wrong, since music is all about expression. True enough, but any band properly expressing themselves is going to earn points in at least some of these categories.

I have never been able to digest Radiohead. But even as a person who wants nothing to do with their music I can afford them points for resonance, originality and diversity. There are also several bands I thoroughly enjoy that come up short on any objective reading of this scale.

Not everybody has to take music so seriously. But far too many are simply content with what they are being offered — computer programs playing

drum patterns that couldn't swing from a rope, crystal-clear production that achieves no emotional resonance and lyrics banal enough to make ZZ Top seem like a group of poet laureates.

I am not sure what can be done to save music from complete ruin. Certainly the importance of the dollar has had a negative impact, forcing any artist who wants even a marginal degree of success to appeal to the lowest common denominators, but this cannot be the only factor.

Many, if not most of the best and most important bands of all-time have been billion dollar groups — the Rolling Stones, the Who, Pink Floyd and so on. Conversely, the exposure I have had to underground or independent bands that make no money at all has given me no reason for hope, either.

Of course, all people are entitled to their opinion. I have no interest in convincing Nickelback fans to burn their copies of "Silver Side Up." If it pleases you, that's fine, but ask yourself whether it is truly possible to take such things as serious or even remotely artistic — it's entertainment, to be filed with reality television and horror movies.

Not everything you listen to has to be as high-minded as, say, Jethro Tull's "Thick as a Brick." But you're only doing yourself a disservice by rejecting music on the grounds that it isn't immediately satisfying or clubs don't play it.

Anybody who does regard music as a form of expression or art would do well to look at what's being offered on the radio and MTV and question its actual value. Chances are, it has none.

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Myths surrounding grad students



DAVE MORIN, COLUMNIST

Graduate students are the most misunderstood individuals on college campuses.

We are a different type of breed, a mix of student, teacher, researcher and whipping boy. Due to our almost enigmatic nature, many myths have been created and are continually perpetuated by undergraduate students. It is my hope that I can help dispel some of the most famous legends surrounding us. Undergraduates, we are just like you, only older and slightly less prone to doing stupid things.

Myth 1: Graduate students never party.

This may be the most famous and deeply held legend. Yes, there are many graduate students who let school, papers and research projects consume them. They refuse to leave their apartments or open a window for fear a draft may destroy their carefully constructed thesis. Eventually, these same individuals become trapped in the ivory tower, leaving only to pick up their triple chai soy lattes.

A majority of graduate students go out, have a few drinks, and enjoy life. We may not participate in the crazy activities that defined our undergraduate experience, but we still like reliving college for the third or fourth time.

Myth 2: Graduate students never procrastinate.

Again, this is another tall tale that has probably been around since Plato enrolled in his first grad class at The University of Greece - Athens branch. Although I may regret this admission tomorrow, I am happy to announce that I am a master procrastinator. I am just one of many in this silent majority, however.

Most, if not all, graduate students become great at putting homework, lesson plans and a host of other duties off until the very last minute. The only difference between undergraduates and graduates is that we graduate students don't celebrate it to the extent of our younger brethren.

Undergraduates are merely rookies in the procrastination game. The best procrastinators speak softly about their accomplishments, but still carry a big stick to maintain a healthy GPA (we will get to buying the stick eventually).

Myth 4: Graduate students have a life plan and are mature.

I am happy to say I have used this myth to my advantage. While I was getting my M.A. at Virginia Tech, I would often try to impress the opposite sex by nonchalantly mentioning I was in graduate school. Alas, this never worked, yet many people are convinced that just because one is working towards an M.A. or a Ph.D. in some obscure field, we somehow have our life planned out on PowerPoint.

You can trust me when I tell you that most of us are as lost as everyone else. Are some graduate students mature? Of course. They have children. The rest of us? Not really. We just act sensible in class (sometimes) and don't participate in foolish activities while out on a Saturday night (sometimes).

Myth 4: Graduate students are best friends with the professors.

The graduate student-professor relationship is like that of a 35-year-old still living in his parent's basement. The mom and dad care for him, but understand he is an adult and he must be treated as such.

We depend on our professors for guidance and they oftentimes become our mentors. On the other hand, faculty must also practice tough love

by asking the hard questions and critiquing our papers and presentations. Most professors look out for the best interests of their graduate students, but must remain aloof in order to carry on one of the most unique relationships in colleges and universities.

Myth 5: Graduate students are pretentious.

There may be a grain of truth to this myth, but the bulk of us are down to earth and grounded. There are some individuals who truly believe they are better than those who may not have letters before and after their name. They sit around Grumpy Dave's attempting to act and sound smart. They honestly feel that memorizing the works of Kenneth Burke justifies their jackassery.

I will let you in on a little secret — those kinds of people are the most boring and sad individuals I have ever known. Graduate students are indeed nerds, but that does not mean we are inherently more intelligent. We were the kids that asked all the questions in primary and secondary school. We seek to learn more about the world by reading thick books and trying to get through journal articles that are laden with big GRE words.

I hope my little essay has cleared up some widely held beliefs in the university community. We are just regular people trying to pass, work, and prepare ourselves for the future.

So the next time you meet a graduate student, give them the first bump, talk about the upcoming break and invite them to a night out on the town.

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New York indictment charges Muslim religious leader

NEW YORK (AP) — An imam at a Queens mosque has been indicted on charges that he lied to federal agents about an Afghan immigrant who was later charged with plotting a bomb attack in New York City.

The indictment was returned Monday in Brooklyn federal court against 53-year-old Ahmad Wais Afzali.

Afzali was accused of tipping off Najibullah Zazi (nah-jee-BOO-lah ZAH'-zee) that New York Police Department detectives were searching for him. Ron Kuby, a New York lawyer representing the imam, said the indictment "contains a tired rehash of the same baseless allegations that were made when he was arrested."

Afzali was arrested last month and remains free on bail, though he is required to wear an electronic bracelet.

Ruling delayed on unsealing papers in Yale killing

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — News organizations asked a judge yesterday to unseal documents detailing the case against a former Yale employee accused of murdering a graduate student, while a prosecutor opposed the request, citing the privacy rights of the victim's family and the need to ensure an impartial jury.

Judge Roland Fasano said he would make a ruling at a later date on the papers involving Raymond Clark III, a former lab technician accused of killing 24-year-old Annie Le in September and stuffing her body behind a wall in a research building.

Clark's attorney, Beth Merkin, said widespread global news coverage of Le's death and Clark's arrest make it difficult to find a fair, impartial jury.

— Stephanie Reitz (AP)

Stocks drop after mixed economic data, earnings

NEW YORK — A disappointing report on housing starts made investors nervous about the economy yesterday and sent stocks lower even as profits at many companies exceed expectations.

Stocks fell from 2009 highs after the Commerce Department said home building rose less than expected in September, a discouraging signal for future construction activity.

The market will get another measure of the housing market's health Friday with a report on existing home sales. After several months of encouraging data on housing, investors have become disappointed in recent weeks with signs that a recovery in home building and home sales is starting to falter, which could bode poorly for the prospects of the broader economy.

— Tim Paradis (AP)

College Board study: Tuition prices rising sharply

Though having risen nationally, prices vary widely depending on state funding

By Justin Pope
The Associated Press

Average tuition prices rose sharply again this fall as colleges passed much of the burden of their own financial problems on to recession-battered students and parents.

Average tuition at four-year public colleges rose 6.5 percent, or \$429, to \$7,020 this fall, according to the College Board's annual "Trends in College Pricing" report, released yesterday. At private colleges, the average list price for a year of coursework rose 4.4 percent to \$26,273.

Those figures hide wide variations — public college students in California, Florida, New York and Washington have seen double-digit percentage increases, while the University of Maryland used federal stimulus funds to freeze tuition this year.

More importantly, the estimated net price — what the average student actually pays after accounting for financial aid — was much lower, at about \$1,620 at public four-year colleges, and under \$12,000 at private ones. Both figures are higher than last year but still lower than five years ago, thanks to recent increases in financial aid both from the government and from colleges themselves. The figures do not include room, board and other living expenses.

Still, this year's increases were bad news for students who pay full price, and confirm that despite cost-cutting on everything from faculty to cafeterias and sports travel, higher education once again failed to keep its own price increases anywhere near the overall inflation rate.

In fact, during the period covered by the College Board report,

consumer prices declined by 2.1 percent. So accounting for inflation, the latest increase at public colleges felt closer to a 9-percent jump.

"Every sector of the American economy is under stress and higher education is no exception," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education. "It's regrettable, and it's yet another piece of disappointing economic news that affects families."

Hartle said the report showed some good news: a companion report on financial aid documented substantial increases in aid, especially from the government, that ease the price increases for low-income students. And community colleges, home to about 40 percent of college students, remain essentially free to the average student after factoring in financial aid.

Federal prosecutor: Birmingham mayor took \$235 thousand in bribes from investment banker

By Jay Reeves
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Deeply in debt and fond of fancy clothes and jewelry, Birmingham Mayor Larry Langford took tens of thousands in cash and expensive gifts from a politically connected investment banker who made millions in county bond business in return, prosecutors said yesterday.

But Langford's attorney told the federal court jury that the banker, Bill Blount, schemed to "entrap and manipulate" Langford.

The case is about "a stab in the back and a deal with

the devil," defense attorney Michael Rasmussen said.

Langford is accused of accepting \$235,000 in cash and gifts from Blount while serving as president of the Jefferson County Commission. Blount, a former Alabama Democratic Party chairman, has pleaded guilty in the case and awaits sentencing. Prosecutors say some of the money was funneled from Blount to Langford through Al LaPierre, a lobbyist and former state Democratic Party executive director who also has pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.

Blount's Montgomery firm got some \$7.1 million in fees

for the work with Jefferson County arranged by Langford, prosecutors said.

Jefferson County is still dealing with fallout from soured bond deals it struck under Langford's tenure. Unable to pay some \$3.9 billion in debt, officials currently are trying to avoid filing what would be the largest municipal bankruptcy ever.

Charged with multiple counts of bribery, fraud, money laundering, conspiracy and filing false tax returns, Langford would be automatically removed from office as mayor if convicted of a felony. He could also face years in prison and fines.

Former aide of Blagojevich agrees to testify at federal corruption case

By Mike Robinson
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A former chief of staff and longtime friend of ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich pleaded guilty to wire fraud yesterday and promised to cooperate with federal prosecutors in their corruption case against the former governor.

Alonzo "Lon" Monk, 51, said that as Blagojevich's top aide he had witnessed efforts to shake down roadbuilders, a hospital executive and a racetrack owner for hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions for the governor.

Monk said that even before Blagojevich was elected there was talk of using the powers of the governor's office to raise a cash horde that would eventually be

divided up among an inner circle of key advisers.

Monk's decision to cooperate and take the witness stand if called upon at Blagojevich's trial could be a devastating blow to the former governor because the one-time chief of staff might provide jurors with a firsthand account of the corruption that prosecutors say was swirling around the state administration.

Blagojevich, who is accused of plotting to sell or trade President Obama's former U.S. Senate seat, among other things, has denied any wrongdoing and pleaded not guilty to the charges against him. His defense attorneys, Sheldon Sorosky and Samuel E. Adam, did not immediately respond to phone messages seeking comment.

Monk pleaded guilty to a single

count of wire fraud for allegedly squeezing a racetrack owner for a \$100,000 campaign contribution. In exchange, Blagojevich was to sign a bill taxing gambling casinos to subsidize Illinois racetracks, according to the Blagojevich indictment and Monk's signed plea agreement.

Blagojevich signed the bill but the money was never paid.

Monk entered his plea before U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel as part of an agreement that his lawyer and federal prosecutors have negotiated for months.

Monk will get a lenient 24-month sentence as his reward if prosecutors are satisfied with the help he provides. Federal guidelines call for a 37 to 46 month sentence for the single count of wire fraud.

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Nicaragua court says Ortega can seek re-election

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Leftist President Daniel Ortega appears to have won the right to seek re-election in 2011, though opponents call the decision illegal and are vowing to fight it.

The constitutional commission of the Supreme Court on Monday overturned a ban on consecutive re-election and on serving more than two terms, and the head of Nicaragua's electoral commission said the ruling is final.

Only members of Ortega's Sandinista party took part in the ruling by the heavily politicized court.

But the president of the Supreme Court, a member of the opposition Liberal Party, refused to recognize the decision yesterday.

"Ortega is completely disqualified from being a candidate" in the next elections, Justice Manuel Martinez said.

Opposition leaders said the commission ruling was an underhanded power grab by Ortega.

— Filadelfo Aleman (AP)

South Africa: Zuma says mayors need to do more

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The South African government plans to overhaul the way South African cities are governed and funded in the wake of a series of violent protests, officials said yesterday.

In a nationally broadcast address before a closed meeting with 283 mayors from across the country, President Jacob Zuma said local leaders needed clean up corruption and stop squabbling.

Zuma said, however, that change would not come quickly, saying the government lacks resources, in part because of the global recession.

"It is clear that we need to do more, and that we need to do things differently," Zuma said.

— Courtney Brooks (AP)

Karzai agrees to runoff election in Afghanistan

KABUL — A grim President Hamid Karzai bowed to intense U.S. pressure and agreed yesterday to a runoff election Nov. 7, acknowledging he fell short of a majority after U.N.-backed auditors stripped him of nearly a third of his votes.

With the fraud investigation completed, election officials must now scramble to organize a new ballot as the fierce Afghan winter approaches and the country faces a growing threat from Taliban insurgents.

President Barack Obama said he called Karzai to welcome his willingness to run in a new election against his main rival Abdullah Abdullah. "President Karzai's constructive actions established an important precedent for Afghanistan's new democracy," Obama said.

— Heidi Vogt and Todd Pitman (AP)

Decree limiting broadcasting in Honduras lifted

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)— Opposition radio and television stations have returned to the air in Honduras after the government lifted a three-week broadcast ban.

Radio Globo and Channel 36 began broadcasting Monday, just hours after interim President Roberto Micheletti's administration rescinded a decree that had limited constitutional guarantees such as freedom of press and freedom of assembly.

Ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya is currently holed up in the Brazilian embassy and elections are scheduled for next month.

Palestinian president to set January election date

CAIRO (AP) — The Palestinian president says he will set Jan. 24 as the date for presidential and legislative elections, despite objections from his rivals in the Hamas militant group.

Mahmoud Abbas told journalists in Cairo yesterday that he will set the date in a decree on Sunday.

Hamas is seeking to delay the election.

Hamas won the 2005 legislative election and two years later expelled security forces loyal to Abbas from the Gaza Strip in a bloody conflict. That left Abbas in control of a rival, Western-backed government in the West Bank.

Egyptian-mediated talks meant to reconcile the two sides and clear the way for a new election to end the power struggle have foundered. Abbas said he's open to changing the election date if a deal is reached.

French prosecutor: Convict ex-prime minister for slander

PARIS — A French prosecutor recommended yesterday that former Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin be convicted for his alleged role in a smear campaign against President Nicolas Sarkozy, arguing he should have put an end to rumors swirling about his rival.

Prosecutor Jean-Claude Marin called for an 18-month suspended sentence and a fine of 45,000 euros (\$67,370) for Villepin, one of several defendants in the complex slander trial that has rocked the country's political establishment.

A date for a verdict has not yet been set.

— Verena von Derschau (AP)

Cuba frees political prisoner jailed in dissent crackdown

By Will Weissert
The Associated Press

HAVANA — Cuba has freed one of the 54 political prisoners still behind bars following a state crackdown on dissent six years ago and also paroled a Spanish businessman awaiting trial for bribery, officials in Spain and a Cuban political opposition group said yesterday.

The moves appear to be gestures of goodwill on the heels of a visit by Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos — though a top Cuban dissident accused Cuban leaders of using political prisoners as political bargaining chips.

Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramirez had been sentenced to 13 years in prison for treason, but he was released and picked up by his wife early yesterday, according to Laura Pollan, a founding member of the "Ladies in White" support group for the wives and relatives of those arrested during the 2003 crackdown.

In Madrid, meanwhile, Spain's Foreign Ministry confirmed Cuban authorities freed Pedro Hermosilla, a Spanish businessman jailed about a month ago on charges of offer-

ing payoffs to officials. He will not be allowed to leave the country pending trial.

Moratinos spent two days in Cuba and met for nearly three hours with President Raul Castro. He caused a stir by refusing to see dissidents, though Moratinos said that he brought up the subject of human rights with Cuba's president and that Spain will continue to push the communist government on the issue after it assumes the revolving presidency of the European Union on Jan. 1.

Spain's foreign minister asked Castro about Hermosilla's case and his office said it considers the businessman's provisional release a positive gesture.

Speaking to reporters upon his return to Spain, Moratinos said releasing the prisoners was "a new example" of increasingly warm relations between his country and Cuba.

Aguiar Ramirez and 74 other political opposition leaders, activists and independent journalists were arrested on charges of conspiring with Washington to topple Cuba's government, accusations both the U.S. and Cuban dissidents denied.

New Vatican plan to welcome Anglicans disaffected by elections

By Nicole Winfield
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican announced a stunning decision yesterday to make it easier for Anglicans to convert, reaching out to those who are disaffected by the election of women and gay bishops to join the Catholic Church's conservative ranks.

Pope Benedict XVI approved a new church provision that will allow Anglicans to join the Catholic Church while maintaining many of their distinctive spiritual and liturgical traditions, including having married priests.

Cardinal William Levada, the Vatican's chief doctrinal official, announced the new provision at a new conference.

In the past, such exemptions had only been granted in a few cases in certain countries. The new church provision is designed to allow Anglicans around the world to access a new church entity if they want to convert.

The decision immediately raised questions about how

the new provision would be received within the 77-million strong Anglican Communion, the global Anglican church, which has been on the verge of a schism over divisions within its membership about women bishops, an openly gay bishop and the blessing of same-sex unions.

The Anglican's spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, downplayed the significance of the new provision and said it wasn't a Vatican commentary on Anglican problems.

"It has no negative impact on the relations of the communion as a whole to the Roman Catholic church as a whole," he said in London.

Conservative Party lawmaker Ann Widdecombe, who left the Church of England because of its policies for the Catholic Church, welcomed the Vatican's decision.

"I'm delighted if it does become easier, because when we had the last big exodus in 1992 over the ordination of women, the Catholic Church was not ready," she said in London.

U.S., Iran meet directly on nuclear issue

Though talks were slow to realize solution, U.N. nuclear agency says breakthrough expected soon

By George Jahn
The Associated Press

VIENNA — American and Iranian negotiators met directly yesterday to try to kick-start stalled talks meant to persuade Tehran to send most of its enriched uranium abroad — and thus delay its potential to make a nuclear weapon. The head of the U.N. nuclear agency said progress was slow but he expected a breakthrough.

Yesterday was the second day of talks in the Austrian capital between Iran and the United States, Russia and France over Iran's nuclear program. But the meeting convened only in the late evening after a day of backdoor negotiations, mediated in part by International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei.

Tehran says it needs enriched uranium for nuclear fuel but the U.S. and other nations fear that could be used to make weapons. The U.S. says Iran is one to six years away from being able to do so.

Iran had signaled earlier that it might not meet Western demands for a deal under which it would ship most of its enriched material out of the country.

Another problem appeared to be Iranian insistence that France be excluded from any participation in plans to turn the enriched material into fuel for Tehran's research reactor, diplomats told The Associated Press.

While the main talks were stalled, the U.S., Russia, France and Iran staged separate meetings. Among these was an early evening encounter between the Iranian and American delegation "under the auspices" of ElBaradei, said Mike Hammer, spokesman for the U.S. National

Security Council. He gave no details on the substance of the talks.

Iran and the U.S. held their first direct talks in nearly three decades earlier this month in Geneva, where the five U.N. Security Council members and Germany met with Tehran to try to launch substantive negotiations meant to persuade Tehran to freeze its enrichment program.

ElBaradei was cautiously upbeat with reporters shortly after the talks convened yesterday.

"We are making progress although slower than expected," he said. "But we are moving forward ... we hope to be able to reach an agreement."

ElBaradei spoke of a "question of confidence building and guarantees" — a possible allusion to the direct discussions between the Iranians and Americans and the need by both sides to defuse decades of distrust.

As yesterday's meeting ended, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, the chief Iranian delegate, said it "had been constructive. We will continue tomorrow."

Iran, which holds a 10 percent share in a Eurodif nuclear plant in France, came to talks vociferously critical of French President Nicolas Sarkozy's government for withholding enriched uranium from that facility. Areva, the state-run French nuclear company, has described Iran as a "sleeping partner" in Eurodif, which Tehran bought into more than three decades ago.

Iran is under three sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions for defying demands that it freeze uranium enrichment. The sanctions include embargoes on all shipments of sensitive nuclear materials or technology.

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Obama cites higher hope for Afghanistan democracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama yesterday applauded Afghan President Hamid Karzai for accepting election fraud findings that invalidated nearly a third of the votes cast for him in August.

Obama said the breakthrough offers new hope that a credible Kabul government will emerge to partner with the U.S. and NATO in battling a resurgent Taliban insurgency and blocking al-Qaida's return.

Obama told reporters that he spoke by phone with the Afghan president after Karzai bowed to U.S. pressure and announced that he agreed to a runoff election Nov. 7, acknowledging that he fell short of a majority in the first balloting.

The original vote count had put Karzai well above the 50 percent mark he needed to be declared the outright winner, but a U.N.-based investigation determined that hundreds of thousands of his votes were tainted. Until yesterday it was unclear whether Karzai would accept the findings and agree to a runoff.

Obama stands by Iraqi troop pullout

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama renewed his vow yesterday to have all U.S. combat troops out of Iraq by next August, while nudging Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to see that his parliament quickly passes a critical election law essential to a nationwide vote in January.

Without an election law, the vote could be delayed, snarling American plans to begin significantly scaling back U.S. troop presence after the national referendum.

"We have seen in the last several months a consolidation of a commitment to democratic politics inside of Iraq," Obama said. "We are very interested, both of us, in making sure that Iraq has an election law that is completed on time so that elections can take place on time in January."

Vice President Joe Biden also pressed al-Maliki on the election legislation when they met a day earlier.

— Steven R. Hurst (AP)

Court blocks names in gay rights ballot measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is temporarily blocking Washington state officials from releasing the names of people who signed a ballot measure on gay rights.

The court's action yesterday maintains a hold placed Monday by Justice Anthony Kennedy, who temporarily blocked a federal appeals court ruling that had ordered the release of the names. The court said its order would remain in effect while it decides whether to take up a request by a private advocacy group to reverse the appeals court ruling.

The group, Protect Marriage Washington, opposes the state's domestic partnership law and circulated a petition to have voters approve or reject it.

The law grants registered domestic partners the same legal rights as married heterosexuals.

Woman who lost son fights for changes in bankruptcy rules

Son's medical bills forced family into debt even though they had insurance

By Larry Margasak
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Rhode Island woman urged senators yesterday to ease bankruptcy rules for people devastated by medical debt, as she described the pain of losing a child and going broke from his health care bills.

The frightful experience of Kerry Burns, of Coventry, R.I., raised a crucial question of bankruptcy law: should people going broke due to high medical bills get a break over those bankrupted by divorce or high credit card bills?

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., chaired the Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on his bill to carve out an exception for people whose medical bills were the main cause of their financial distress.

Whitehouse's approach was

backed by Elizabeth Edwards, a cancer patient and wife of former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina. Representatives of conservative think tanks argued no special status was justified.

Edwards, who is married to the former Democratic senator and presidential candidate, praised Whitehouse's plan as a way to give medical debtors "a less burdensome, less catastrophic bankruptcy option that recognizes the unique circumstances that have driven them to bankruptcy."

She is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said he disagreed with a major provision of Whitehouse's bill: elimination of an income-related test for medical debtors only. The test currently is required to determine if someone is qualified for a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which allows the debtor to get a fresh

start by wiping out all debts.

Burns, however, was the single witness who expressed the problem by recounting her horrific experience.

The Rhode Island social worker, with a master's degree, said she and her husband were not among the uninsured. They lost everything, even though insurance covered the majority of nearly \$5 million in treatments for her son Finnegan, who was hospitalized in intensive care for 13 months before he died last March. Finnegan Burns, who lived to be only four and a half, had cystic fibrosis.

During his illness, Burns and her husband took leave from their jobs as debts piled up. They cashed in retirement funds, sold belongings including their second car, and received upward of 30 calls a day from creditors — who called their cell phones while they were with Finnegan in the intensive care unit.

Guantanamo detainee debate reaches Supreme Court

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide whether Guantanamo detainees who are considered no threat can be ordered released in the United States — over the objections of the Obama administration and Congress — if the prisoners have nowhere else to go.

The case could further complicate the administration's plans to close the Guantanamo prison where 220 or so men are

still held.

The court's fourth look at the terror-suspects detention system, created by the Bush administration following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, will focus on 13 Chinese Muslims, most of whom were cleared by the Pentagon for release in 2003. Six years later — and eight years after their capture in Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2001 — they remain in custody at the U.S. naval base in Cuba. The first three high court decisions were rebukes to the government for denying detainees

their day in court.

The justices said they will hear a challenge from the Chinese Muslims, or Uighurs (WEE'-gurs), who are asking the court to put some teeth into its June 2008 ruling that said federal judges could ultimately order some detainees to be released, depending on security concerns and other circumstances.

Acting after the Supreme Court ruling, a federal judge in Washington said the Uighurs must be released immediately into the United States because

their continued confinement was unjustified and the U.S. government could find no country willing to take them.

A federal appeals court, however, said the judge lacked the authority to order detainees released into the United States, setting up the new high court challenge.

The Uighurs say the ability to go before a federal judge is worthless if the judge ultimately has no power to free people who are being wrongly held. The administration is defending the appeals court

ruling, but also noting ongoing diplomatic efforts to find the Uighurs a home.

The Uighurs have no right to enter the United States, Solicitor General Elena Kagan told the court. In fact, Kagan said, "they are free to leave Guantanamo Bay to go to any country that is willing to accept them."

In the meantime, she said, they are no longer being detained as enemy combatants, but "are being housed under relatively unrestricted conditions," given Guantanamo's

status as a military base.

The justices will hear the argument early in 2010, although it is possible that if the administration succeeds in relocating the Uighurs by then, the case could be dismissed.

President Barack Obama has promised to close the detention facility by next Jan. 22, although senior administration officials have since said that deadline might not be met. The administration, like its predecessor, has been trying to find somewhere to resettle the Uighurs, with limited success.

New Malpractice idea in health care debate

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's willingness to consider alternatives to medical malpractice lawsuits is providing a boost for taking such cases out of the courtroom and letting experts, not juries, decide their merits.

The idea of appointing neutral experts to sift malpractice facts from allegations appeals to conservatives in both political parties. They want to address medical liability as part of health care legislation that's now largely silent on the issue. Trial lawyers remain steadfastly opposed to curbs.

Nonetheless, the American Hospital Association has been shopping a new plan to lawmakers, hoping it will be considered during Senate floor debate on health care in the coming weeks.

Separately, at a Health and Human Services hearing next week, proponents of the idea will urge the administration to provide funds for a pilot program. Obama has set aside \$25 million to test a range of alternatives to malpractice litigation, and the hearing is the first step in deciding how to distribute it.

"There is a progressive opportunity here to leapfrog what has been a stereotypically polarized debate in Washington," said Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute, a centrist Democratic think tank. "This serves both progressive and conservative goals. You wouldn't have to have a terrible injury and attract an enterprising malpractice lawyer to have access to court. And it would reduce malpractice premiums."

Doctors have maintained for years that fear of being sued leads them to order unnecessary tests that raise costs for everyone. In Obama, they've found a Democratic president who accepts that premise.

Validation has also come from the Congressional Budget Office. In a turnaround, it recently concluded that malpractice curbs would lower the federal defi-

cit by \$54 billion over 10 years, mainly because Medicare and Medicaid wouldn't have to pay as much for defensive medicine.

What Obama doesn't accept is the idea of slapping hard limits on jury awards in malpractice cases, the remedy long advocated by doctors' groups. So the search is on for alternatives.

That's what Richard Umbdenstock, president of the hospital association, says his industry has come up with. "We are trying to offer this as a constructive approach, to see if we can generate some interest," he said.

Under the plan, patients who've suffered an injury at the hands of a medical professional or institution could take their case to a local panel of experts appointed by state authorities.

The patient wouldn't have to prove negligence, only that the doctor could have avoided the problem by following established guidelines for clinical practice.

If the experts find that a patient was harmed and the injury could have been avoided, the panel would offer compensation. Payments would not be open-ended, but based on a publicly available compensation schedule.


A patient who disagrees with the local panel's ruling could appeal to a higher-level panel, and ultimately, to a court.

The hospitals' proposal is similar to an idea for "health courts" from Common Good, a nonprofit group that advocates for changes in the legal system. All patients would benefit from such a system because it would create an incentive for doctors to follow clinical best practice guidelines, said lawyer Philip Howard, the group's founder.

It would also protect doctors who adhere to the standards, getting at the root of the problem of defensive medicine.

"Defensive medicine is the result of distrust by doctors in situations where they are blamed when a sick person gets sicker, but they didn't do anything wrong," said Howard.

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Today in Sports History

1989—Betral Lee and Peter Bynoe purchase the Denver Nuggets and become the first African American owners in NBA history.

1975—Carlton Fisk's home-run in the bottom of the 12th inning gives the Red Sox a win over the Reds in game six of the World Series.

1959—The MLB Player Association approves two All-Star games for 1960. In New York and Kansas City.

The List

With men's soccer heading to Michigan State today, we take a look at the five key players needed for BG to pull off the upset:

1. Cameron Hepple:

The forward has missed two games due to injury, but still leads BG with seven goals and one assist.

2. Jacob Lawrence:

Lawrence, a senior defender, is key to BG being able to shut down the powerful Spartan offense.

3. Jeff Smoker:

The Falcon goalie has played well this season, stopping 700 of the shots he faced and earning one shutout.

4. Hunter Van Houten:

Van Houten leads BG with three assists this season.

5. Eric Nichols: While he won't score any goals or play a minute on the field, the coach will be important to game planning a Falcon victory against Michigan State.

Williams' challenge is the right move for hockey

PAUL
BARNEY
REPORTER

It would've been easy for coach Dennis Williams to point the finger after his team suffered a lopsided 7-2 loss Friday night to the U.S. National Under-18 Team.

Since it was more the team's effort that bothered Williams rather than the loss, his message was plain and simple.

"I told them after the game, 'you've got tryouts this week,'" he said.

The message was short yet meaningful, and I commend Williams for that.

Williams could've given an elongated speech to his team about what went wrong, but instead he took what I think was the better route in addressing his team.

He challenged them. Coming off a loss, a team knows, or should know, what they did wrong that caused them to lose. Therefore, it is redundant for coaches and players to have to then talk and listen about what could've been.

By Williams challenging his team to work and earn the

honor to put on a Bowling Green jersey showed character in the first-year head coach.

There are many responsibilities that come with being a head coach, none tougher than putting together a group of players that give a team the best shot to win on any given day.

There are exceptions when it comes to little league and pee wee (where it seems everyone gets a chance to play), but in the college ranks an athlete has to prove he or she deserves every second of playing time.

I can't say I know what it's like to be recruited because I

don't, but just because someone is recruited to play a college sport shouldn't necessarily make them a shoo-in to play.

There are hundreds of athletes who get recruited each and every year who see limited action because they had the mind set that being recruited automatically meant they were guaranteed to see the field or the ice.

When it came time to play, they realized the college game was faster and more competitive than what they were used to, thus realizing their spot on a team is not given to

them and that they have to earn it.

I see the process of being recruited as somewhat of an invitation, in which a player is simply invited to play for a certain team.

Sure that player is guaranteed a spot on the roster, but by no means are they guaranteed to play.

This is the way it should be, and Williams has the right mentality.

Challenging the team to fight for their starting positions creates an unbiased atmosphere, regardless of the player's class standing and degree of talent.



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THE CAPTAIN: Jacob Lawrence and the Falcons will play against Michigan State this afternoon.

Big Ten bound

Men's soccer travels to Michigan State

By John Lopez
Reporter

Coming off their most impressive win of the season, the Falcon men's soccer team travels to East Lansing today to face Big Ten rival Michigan State (6-4-1).

After scoring four goals against Buffalo last weekend, the Falcons (2-8-2) are brimming with confidence, something they will need if they hope to beat the Spartans.

Coach Eric Nichols, whose tactical adjustments contributed heavily to the Falcons success, hopes to capture lightning in a bottle once again by pairing traditional forward Cameron Hepple with senior Jacob Lawrence, who has spent most of his career as a defensive back.

"We have had a good few days of training, and the Buffalo win really helped our confidence," Lawrence said. "We really don't have

any thing to lose out there, so we are going to go out and try to beat a Big Ten team."

The Spartans are familiar opposition for the Falcons. The two teams met this spring with the Spartans winning narrowly 1-0, in a game the Falcons enjoyed the bulk of possession before a rain delay, which they were never able to recover from.

"I like where we are right now, we played really well against Buffalo," Nichols said. "We had a good game against Michigan State this spring, even though we lost. But I feel as good as I have felt all year about the team."

The Falcons will play a traditional 4-4-2 formation parring Hepple and Lawrence up front, but will find it much more difficult to score against Michigan State's stout defense.

"They have some really good players in the

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Conference play coming to a close for soccer

By Angelo Velotta
Reporter

As the women's soccer season winds down, things became more clear on which teams are going to stick around for the rest of November for Mid-American Conference Tournament play.

Eight of the 12 teams in the MAC will earn a bid. For some teams, that bid is without question. But for others, the struggle has been picked up to a new level of intensity as some teams vie for the remaining playoff spots.

As it stands, two teams—Ball State (4-11-0) and Northern Illinois (4-10-2)—have a slim

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Andy Richards | Head Coach

chance of making the playoffs.

Then there are three teams all within about the same range, Western Michigan, Buffalo and BG. The Falcons are the worst of the three with a 5-9-3 (1-4-3 MAC) record. BG has three remaining games left to play, and all on the road.

"We've got three games left," said coach Andy Richards. "If we win all three, we should be in. If we win two there's still a

chance."

They still have to travel to the top three MAC teams—Central Michigan, Toledo and Eastern Michigan. That stretch won't be easy for the team, but Richards is optimistic for the best outcome.

"We've still got a very good chance of making it, which is

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Taking a look back at 1959:

Editor's Note: This is a reprint from the Oct. 20, 1959 issue of The BG News. This is the fourth in a nine week series where we will republish the recaps from the undefeated 1959 Falcon football team.

Falcons Dominate Play In First Half Massacre

By BOB HOOVER

Bowling Green took over first place in the Mid-American Conference Saturday by putting on an awesome display of power football while crushing an undermanned Toledo Rocket squad, 51-21. The victory gave the Falcons a 3-0 record in the MAC, compared with Ohio University's 2-0 record.

Using the first string for only the first quarter and part of the second, Bowling Green rolled up 494 yards, 338 on the ground and 156 in the air. In the first half they were virtually unstoppable as they scored every time they got the ball. They led at the half, 48-0.

Seven Man Score

Seven players, Bernie Casey, Jim Andrews, Larry Smith, Dave McClain, Jim Potts, Jack Harbaugh and Bob Reublin, crossed the end zone stripes. Chuck Comer, who entered the game with a 6.9 rushing average, picked up 70 yards in 7 carries, 36 on a scamper in the first quarter. Bob Colburn enjoyed another good day, completing five of six passes for 52 yards. Ed Phillips was the only major casualty, suffering a knee injury which will keep him out of action for two or three weeks.

On defense the Falcons held TU's attack to a minus 10 yards rushing. The Guerrillas lived in Toledo's backfield, either dumping Rocket quarterbacks for losses or stopping their fallback duo, Ocie Burt and Norm Billingslea, in their tracks.

Perry Pleased

Coach Doyt Perry was well pleased with the performance of his first two units. He commented that his pass defense will need work.

Bowling Green scored the first time after taking the opening kickoff on their 36. They moved 64 yards in 11 plays by straight power running. The march was sparked by the running of Comer and Casey, who picked up 54 yards. With third and three on the TU four, Casey bulled his way over left guard for the first Falcon TD. Chuck Ramsey converted and with only four minutes and 53 seconds gone, Bowling Green led 7-0.

It took the Falcons only three plays to recover the ball and start rolling again. Ramsey intercepted a Wilkie pass on the Toledo 38 and returned it to the 16. From there, Colburn hit Casey on the one. Jim Andrews was stacked up for no gain, but then made it over right guard for the second score. Ramsey again converted and the score moved to 14-0.

Again only three plays later, Ramsey fell on an Ocie Burt fumble on the TU 48. Colburn took over, hitting on four

of five passes to lead BG 48 yards in six plays. He hit Clarence Mason for 13, threw two more to Russ Hepner to move the ball to the 20, and then with third and three on the 5 yard-line, threw to Larry Smith between Toledo defenders for the TD. Roger Kileman ran for the extra points, making it 22-0.

Halftime Score, 43-0

Bowling Green almost scored again in the first quarter as Comer took a punt to the TU 47. Then, on a sweep of right end, he traveled 36 yards to the 11. Kileman carried to the one as time ran out. On the first play of the second quarter, Dave McClain carried it across on a quarterback sneak. Kileman again ran for the two points, stretching the score to 30-0.

The Falcon's defense showed up well when Toledo had the ball. Toledo had first and 10 on the Falcon 43 and appeared to be on the march when Jerry Stoltz was thrown for three successive losses, twice by Don Meister and once by Mason, back to the TU 36.

Taking the punt, Bowling Green, with second and third stringers, moved 85 yards in 13 plays for their fifth TD. Jim Potts directed this attack, featuring the running of Bob Reublin and the passing combination of Potts and Hepner. From TU's 45, Reublin moved to the 16 on four successive carries. Potts then hit Hepner complete to the one, from where Potts sneaked over for the score. Comer converted, making it 37-0.

Getting the ball on the TU 48, quarterback Jack Harbaugh moved the ball to the 14. On a keeper around right end, he took it in for the TD. His pass attempt failed and the halftime score stood at 48-0.

Rockete Take To Air

TU came back with a passing game against Bowling Green's fourth and fifth stringers and scored three times to make the score a bit more respectable. In the first TU drive Wilkie moved the Rockete 79 yards in 11 plays, completing four passes, twice each to Burt and Smith. The score came on Wilkie's 10-yard loss to Smith. Tom McCartney kicked the extra point.

Bowling Green started the fourth quarter in much the same manner as they did the first. Sparked by the running of Al Junior and a pass from McClain to Jerry Roberts, Bob Reublin carried over from the two and then scored two points on a run.

Toledo came back on the passing of Dennis Wilkie to score. A Wilkie-Smith screen pass covered 25 yards and then Wilkie hit Jim Powell from the 10 for the TD. McCartney again converted. Coming right back, aided by a pass interference penalty which put the ball on the BG 50, the Rockete moved when Norm Billingslea carried over. McCartney converted for the third time. Toledo had another score called back. On an Ed Travis punt, Billingslea took the ball on BG's 34 and traveled 77 yards down the left sideline into the end zone. However, a Toledo player was called for clipping, nullifying a 50-yard run.

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Pike has surgery on arm

Bearcat quarterback uncertain for game Saturday

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Tony Pike had surgery yesterday to repair a damaged plate in his non-throwing arm, leaving his status uncertain for fifth-ranked Cincinnati's game against Louisville.

Pike broke his left forearm last season, had a plate and six screws inserted, and returned after missing two games. He led the Bearcats to their first Big East title by playing with a cast on the arm.

During a 34-17 win at South Florida on Thursday night, the plate shifted when Pike was hit, forcing him to miss most of the second half. Sophomore Zach Collaros helped the Bearcats (6-0) pull away, running for a pair of touchdowns.

Pike met with a specialist on Monday, participated in a light practice with a cast on the fore-

arm, then chose to have the surgery after consultations with another specialist. Coach Brian Kelly was notified on Monday night.

The plan is for Pike to spend two days trying to keep the swelling to a minimum, then return to practice tomorrow and see what he can do. After that, Kelly will decide which quarterback starts against Louisville (2-4) on Saturday.

"It's going to depend on the next 48 hours," Kelly said. "He cannot go out there if he can't protect himself. We can't put him in a position where he can't feel comfortable in protecting himself. The last time (he had surgery), it took two weeks for us to feel he was ready to go. We're hoping that process is accelerated. That's why we're not going to rule him out for Saturday night now."

Most likely, Collaros or sophomore Chazz Anderson — both of whom bailed the Bearcats out

last season when Pike and Dustin Grutza got hurt — will play against Louisville. The Bearcats' next game is at Syracuse (2-4) a week later.

Pike ranks eighth nationally with 298.6 yards passing per game. With the senior running their no-huddle, spread offense, the Bearcats are fourth nationally in scoring with 40.7 points per game.

Kelly has shown versatility and creativity in managing his quarterbacks. Last season, the Bearcats were forced to use five of them due to the injuries. Because Cincinnati has prospered through so much quarterback uncertainty, the Bearcats don't seem too concerned.

"It's going to fall on the offensive play-calling," Kelly said. "It's going to fall on making sure we get the right kind of calls for whoever the quarterback is. We're going to have to do some things to protect him a little bit more.

We've got enough in our library (of plays) that we can work on whoever the quarterback is. I don't believe anybody in that locker room is concerned about it. We'll find a way to get it done."

Pike started the last eight games last season with his arm in a cast. When the season ended, he worked out with weights to regain full strength in the arm. The 6-foot-6 quarterback put on about 20 pounds, bulking up to 230, so he could take the pounding this season.

The left arm hadn't given him a problem until the game at South Florida, when he got knocked backward and put the arm down to break his fall late in the first half. He started the second half but was in a lot of pain.

Pike hasn't spoken publicly since the injury. Receiver Armon Binns said on Tuesday that Pike was in good spirits during the light workout a day earlier.

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Tressel: Pryor to remain at quarterback for OSU against Minnesota

Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Besieged by angry Ohio State fans who think his quarterback should be benched or moved to wide receiver, coach Jim Tressel defiantly said yesterday he will make no major changes.

Terrelle Pryor remains the 18th-ranked Buckeyes' starting quarterback, even though he threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles — and could have had another three or four turnovers — in a stunning 26-18 loss to two-touchdown underdog Purdue on Saturday.

"From the film grade standpoint, he probably had less minus plays than he did in the past couple weeks," Tressel said yesterday. "Now, that's the good news. Here's the bad news: The minus that we had were those triple minuses."

One of the most fundamental keys to "Tresselball" — a conservative, rely-on-your-defense approach — is that turnovers lose games. Yet Tressel continues to stand behind a quarterback who can't seem to avoid them.

"No one has a disdain for turnovers any more than Terrelle," said Tressel.

Tressel referred to Pryor's mistakes as "moments."

"He hasn't been perfect in practice, but he's come along in practice," he said. "He hasn't been perfect in games, but he's come along in games. Now, did we have three or four moments that were impactful? There's no question about it."

Tressel said he would not even consider sitting Pryor out for a series or two to clear his head or to straighten out any mistakes. He also has no plans to try to get backup quarter-

back Joe Bauserman in against Minnesota (4-3, 2-2 Big Ten) on Saturday, or any future games.

Other Buckeyes didn't feel Pryor should have been pulled from the Purdue game.

"I don't think there was ever really a point in the game where anybody on the offense was thinking we needed a change (at quarterback)," wide receiver Dane Sanzenbacher said.

Many Ohio State fans believe the 6-foot-6, 235-pound Pryor, who has yet to develop as a polished passer, might be a better fit at wide receiver, where he could use his speed and size.

Pryor completed 17 of 31 passes for 221 yards, most of the yardage coming after the Boilermakers had built a 23-7 lead through three quarters. The Ohio State offense had 120 yards at that point against a Purdue defense which had been gashed for 31 points and 380

yards per game in its first six outings. The only Ohio State (5-2, 3-1) touchdown after the opening few minutes of the game was on Pryor's ill-advised, looping 25-yard pass that DeVier Posey caught midway through the final quarter.

Pryor came to Ohio State last year heralded as the nation's No. 1 quarterback recruit. Ahead of him on the depth chart was Todd Boeckman, a first-team All-Big Ten quarterback who led the Buckeyes to the national championship game in 2007.

But three games into the 2008 season, Boeckman threw two interceptions in a lopsided 35-3 loss at Southern California — against a defense which would have seven players taken in the NFL draft the next spring.

Three days after that game, Tressel benched the fifth-year senior and installed Pryor as the full-time starter.



KICKIN' IT: Chuko Ewara looks for an open teammate in a loss earlier this season.

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back," Nichols said. "Their goal keeper is good and their two center backs are top notch. Their best talent is in their back line."

Dylan Schoettley will start in goal for the Falcons, being chosen over Jeff Smoker for the

second straight game. The two keepers have battled for a place on the first team all season, with Smoker starting the first 10 games of the season.

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The List

With men's soccer heading to Michigan State today, we take a look at the five key players needed for BG to pull off the upset:

1. Cameron Hepple:

The forward has missed two games due to injury, but still leads BG with seven goals and one assist.

2. Jacob Lawrence:

Lawrence, a senior defender, is key to BG being able to shut down the powerful Spartan offense.

3. Jeff Smoker:

The Falcon goalie has played well this season, stopping 700 of the shots he faced and earning one shutout.

4. Hunter Van Houten:

Van Houten leads BG with three assists this season.

5. Eric Nichols:

While he won't score any goals or play a minute on the field, the coach will be important to game planning a Falcon victory against Michigan State.



PAUL
BARNEY
REPORTER

It would've been easy for coach Dennis Williams to point the finger after his team suffered a lopsided 7-2 loss Friday night to the U.S. National Under-18 Team.

Since it was more the team's effort that bothered Williams rather than the loss, his message was plain and simple.

"I told them after the game, 'you've got tryouts this week,'" he said.

The message was short yet meaningful, and I commend Williams for that.

Williams could've given an elongated speech to his team about what went wrong, but instead he took what I think was the better route in addressing his team.

He challenged them.

Coming off a loss, a team knows, or should know, what they did wrong that caused them to lose. Therefore, it is redundant for coaches and players to have to then talk and listen about what could've been.

By Williams challenging his team to work and earn the

honor to put on a Bowling Green jersey showed character in the first-year head coach.

There are many responsibilities that come with being a head coach, none tougher than putting together a group of players that give a team the best shot to win on any given day.

There are exceptions when it comes to little league and pee wee (where it seems everyone gets a chance to play), but in the college ranks an athlete has to prove he or she deserves every second of playing time.

I can't say I know what it's like to be recruited because I

don't, but just because someone is recruited to play a college sport shouldn't necessarily make them a shoo-in to play.

There are hundreds of athletes who get recruited each and every year who see limited action because they had the mind set that being recruited automatically meant they were guaranteed to see the field or the ice.

When it came time to play, they realized the college game was faster and more competitive than what they were used to, thus realizing their spot on a team is not given to

them and that they have to earn it.

I see the process of being recruited as somewhat of an invitation, in which a player is simply invited to play for a certain team.

Sure that player is guaranteed a spot on the roster, but by no means are they guaranteed to play.

This is the way it should be, and Williams has the right mentality.

Challenging the team to fight for their starting positions creates an unbiased atmosphere, regardless of the player's class standing and degree of talent.

Williams' challenge is the right move for hockey



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THE CAPTAIN: Jacob Lawrence and the Falcons will play against Michigan State this afternoon.

Big Ten bound

Men's soccer travels to Michigan State

By John Lopez
Reporter

Coming off their most impressive win of the season, the Falcon men's soccer team travels to East Lansing today to face Big Ten rival Michigan State (6-4-1).

After scoring four goals against Buffalo last weekend, the Falcons (2-8-2) are brimming with confidence, something they will need if they hope to beat the Spartans.

Coach Eric Nichols, whose tactical adjustments contributed heavily to the Falcons success, hopes to capture lightning in a bottle once again by pairing traditional forward Cameron Hepple with senior Jacob Lawrence, who has spent most of his career as a defensive back.

"We have had a good few days of training, and the Buffalo win really helped our confidence," Lawrence said. "We really don't have

any thing to lose out there, so we are going to go out and try to beat a Big Ten team."

The Spartans are familiar opposition for the Falcons. The two teams met this spring with the Spartans winning narrowly 1-0, in a game the Falcons enjoyed the bulk of possession before a rain delay, which they were never able to recover from.

"I like where we are right now, we played really well against Buffalo," Nichols said. "We had a good game against Michigan State this spring, even though we lost. But I feel as good as I have felt all year about the team."

The Falcons will play a traditional 4-4-2 formation parring Hepple and Lawrence up front, but will find it much more difficult to score against Michigan State's stout defense.

"They have some really good players in the

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Conference play coming to a close for soccer

By Angelo Velotta
Reporter

As the women's soccer season winds down, things became more clear on which teams are going to stick around for the rest of November for Mid-American Conference Tournament play.

Eight of the 12 teams in the MAC will earn a bid. For some teams, that bid is without question. But for others, the struggle has been picked up to a new level of intensity as some teams vie for the remaining playoff spots.

As it stands, two teams—Ball State (4-11-0) and Northern Illinois (4-10-2)—have a slim

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chance of making the playoffs.

Then there are three teams all within about the same range, Western Michigan, Buffalo and BG. The Falcons are the worst of the three with a 5-9-3 (1-4-3 MAC) record. BG has three remaining games left to play, and all on the road.

"We've got three games left," said coach Andy Richards. "If we win all three, we should be in. If we win two there's still a

chance."

They still have to travel to the top three MAC teams—Central Michigan, Toledo and Eastern Michigan. That stretch won't be easy for the team, but Richards is optimistic for the best outcome.

"We've still got a very good chance of making it, which is

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Taking a look back at 1959:

Editor's Note: This is a reprint from the Oct. 20, 1959 issue of The BG News. This is the fourth in a nine week series where we will republish the recaps from the undefeated 1959 Falcon football team.

Falcons Dominate Play In First Half Massacre

By BOB HOOVER

Bowling Green took over first place in the Mid-American Conference Saturday by putting on an awesome display of power football while crushing an undermanned Toledo Rocket squad, 51-21. The victory gave the Falcons a 3-0 record in the MAC, compared with Ohio University's 2-0 record.

Using the first string for only the first quarter and part of the second, Bowling Green rolled up 494 yards, 838 on the ground and 156 in the air. In the first half they were virtually unstoppable as they scored every time they got the ball. They led at the half, 43-0.

Seven Men Score

Seven players, Bernie Casey, Jim Andrews, Larry Smith, Dave McClain, Jim Potts, Jack Harbaugh and Bob Reublin, crossed the end zone stripes. Chuck Comer, who entered the game with a 9.9 rushing average, picked up 70 yards in 7 carries, 36 on a scamper in the first quarter. Bob Colburn enjoyed another good day, completing five of six passes for 52 yards. Ed Phillips was the only major casualty, suffering a knee injury which will keep him out of action for two or three weeks.

On defense the Falcons held TU's attack to a minus 10 yards rushing. The Guerrillas lived in Toledo's backfield, either dumping Rocket quarterbacks for losses or stopping their fullback duo, Ocie Burt and Norm Billingslea, in their tracks.

Perry Pleased

Coach Doyt Perry was well pleased with the performance of his first two units. He commented that his pass defense will need work.

Bowling Green scored the first time after taking the opening kickoff on their 36. They moved 64 yards in 11 plays by straight power running. The march was sparked by the running of Comer and Casey, who picked up 54 yards. With third and three on the TU four, Casey bulldozed his way over left guard for the first Falcon TD. Chuck Ramsey converted and with only four minutes and 53 seconds gone, Bowling Green led 7-0.

It took the Falcons only three plays to recover the ball and start rolling again. Ramsey intercepted a Wilkie pass on the Toledo 35 and returned it to the 16. From there, Colburn hit Casey on the one. Jim Andrews was stacked up for no gain, but then made it over right guard for the second score. Ramsey again converted and the score moved to 14-0.

Again only three plays later, Ramsey fell on an Ocie Burt fumble on the TU 43. Colburn took over, hitting on four

of five passes to lead BG 43 yards in six plays. He hit Clarence Mason for 13, threw two more to Russ Hepner to move the ball to the 20, and then with third and three on the 8 yard-line, threw to Larry Smith between Toledo defenders for the TD. Roger Klicman ran for the extra points, making it 22-0.

Halftime Score, 43-0

Bowling Green almost scored again in the first quarter as Comer took a punt to the TU 47. Then, on a sweep of right end, he traveled 36 yards to the 11. Klicman carried to the one as time ran out. On the first play of the second quarter, Dave McClain carried it across on a quarterback sneak. Klicman again ran for the two points, stretching the score to 30-0.

The Falcon's defense showed up well when Toledo had the ball. Toledo had first and 10 on the Falcon 43 and appeared to be on the march when Jerry Stoltz was thrown for three successive losses, twice by Don Meister and once by Mason, back to the TU 36.

Taking the punt, Bowling Green, with second and third stringers, moved 85 yards in 13 plays for their fifth TD. Jim Potts directed this attack, featuring the running of Bob Reublin and the passing combination of Potts and Hepner. From TU's 45, Reublin moved to the 16 on four successive carries. Potts then hit Hepner complete to the one, from where Potts sneaked over for the score. Comer converted, making it 37-0.

Getting the ball on the TU 48, quarterback Jack Harbaugh moved the ball to the 14. On a keeper around right end, he took it in for the TD. His pass attempt failed and the halftime score stood at 43-0.

Rockets Take To Air

TU came back with a passing game against Bowling Green's fourth and fifth stringers and scored three times to make the score a bit more respectable. In the first TU drive Wilkie moved the Rockets 79 yards in 11 plays, completing four passes, twice each to Burt and Smith. The score came on Wilkie's 10-yard toss to Smith. Tom McCartney kicked the extra point.

Bowling Green started the fourth quarter in much the same manner as they did the first. Sparked by the running of Al Junior and a pass from McClain to Jerry Roberts, Bob Reublin carried over from the two and then scored two points on a run.

Toledo came back on the passing of Dennis Wilkie to score. A Wilkie-Smith screen pass covered 39 yards and then Wilkie hit Jim Powell from the 10 for the TD. McCartney again converted. Coming right back, aided by a pass interference penalty which put the ball on the BG five, the Rockets scored when Norm Billingslea carried over. McCartney converted for the third time. Toledo had another score called back. On an Ed Travis punt, Billingslea took the ball on BG's 23 and traveled 77 yards down the left sideline into the end zone. However, a Toledo player was called for clipping, nullifying a fine run.

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Pike has surgery on arm

Bearcat quarterback uncertain for game Saturday

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Tony Pike had surgery yesterday to repair a damaged plate in his non-throwing arm, leaving his status uncertain for fifth-ranked Cincinnati's game against Louisville.

Pike broke his left forearm last season, had a plate and six screws inserted, and returned after missing two games. He led the Bearcats to their first Big East title by playing with a cast on the arm.

During a 34-17 win at South Florida on Thursday night, the plate shifted when Pike was hit, forcing him to miss most of the second half. Sophomore Zach Collaros helped the Bearcats (6-0) pull away, running for a pair of touchdowns.

Pike met with a specialist on Monday, participated in a light practice with a cast on the fore-

arm, then chose to have the surgery after consultations with another specialist. Coach Brian Kelly was notified on Monday night.

The plan is for Pike to spend two days trying to keep the swelling to a minimum, then return to practice tomorrow and see what he can do. After that, Kelly will decide which quarterback starts against Louisville (2-4) on Saturday.

"It's going to depend on the next 48 hours," Kelly said. "He cannot go out there if he can't protect himself. We can't put him in a position where he can't feel comfortable in protecting himself. The last time (he had surgery), it took two weeks for us to feel he was ready to go. We're hoping that process is accelerated. That's why we're not going to rule him out for Saturday night now."

Most likely, Collaros or sophomore Chazz Anderson — both of whom bailed the Bearcats out

last season when Pike and Dustin Grutza got hurt — will play against Louisville. The Bearcats' next game is at Syracuse (2-4) a week later.

Pike ranks eighth nationally with 298.6 yards passing per game. With the senior running their no-huddle, spread offense, the Bearcats are fourth nationally in scoring with 40.7 points per game.

Kelly has shown versatility and creativity in managing his quarterbacks. Last season, the Bearcats were forced to use five of them due to the injuries. Because Cincinnati has prospered through so much quarterback uncertainty, the Bearcats don't seem too concerned.

"It's going to fall on the offensive play-calling," Kelly said. "It's going to fall on making sure we get the right kind of calls for whoever the quarterback is. We're going to have to do some things to protect him a little bit more."

We've got enough in our library (of plays) that we can work on whoever the quarterback is. I don't believe anybody in that locker room is concerned about it. We'll find a way to get it done."

Pike started the last eight games last season with his arm in a cast. When the season ended, he worked out with weights to regain full strength in the arm. The 6-foot-6 quarterback put on about 20 pounds, bulking up to 230, so he could take the pounding this season.

The left arm hadn't given him a problem until the game at South Florida, when he got knocked backward and put the arm down to break his fall late in the first half. He started the second half but was in a lot of pain.

Pike hasn't spoken publicly since the injury. Receiver Armon Binns said on Tuesday that Pike was in good spirits during the light workout a day earlier.

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Tressel: Pryor to remain at quarterback for OSU against Minnesota

Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Besieged by angry Ohio State fans who think his quarterback should be benched or moved to wide receiver, coach Jim Tressel defiantly said yesterday he will make no major changes.

Terrelle Pryor remains the 18th-ranked Buckeyes' starting quarterback, even though he threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles — and could have had another three or four turnovers — in a stunning 26-18 loss to two-touchdown underdog Purdue on Saturday.

"From the film grade standpoint, he probably had less minus plays than he did in the past couple weeks," Tressel said yesterday. "Now, that's the good news. Here's the bad news: The minuses that we had were those triple minuses."

One of the most fundamental keys to "Tresselball" — a conservative, rely-on-your-defense approach — is that turnovers lose games. Yet Tressel continues to stand behind a quarterback who can't seem to avoid them.

"No one has a disdain for turnovers any more than Terrelle," said Tressel.

Tressel referred to Pryor's mistakes as "moments."

"He hasn't been perfect in practice, but he's come along in practice," he said. "He hasn't been perfect in games, but he's come along in games. Now, did we have three or four moments that were impactful? There's no question about it."

Tressel said he would not even consider sitting Pryor out for a series or two to clear his head or to straighten out any mistakes. He also has no plans to try to get backup quarter-

back Joe Bauserman in against Minnesota (4-3, 2-2 Big Ten) on Saturday, or any future games.

Other Buckeyes didn't feel Pryor should have been pulled from the Purdue game.

"I don't think there was ever really a point in the game where anybody on the offense was thinking we needed a change (at quarterback)," wide receiver Dane Sanzenbacher said.

Many Ohio State fans believe the 6-foot-6, 235-pound Pryor, who has yet to develop as a polished passer, might be a better fit at wide receiver, where he could use his speed and size.

Pryor completed 17 of 31 passes for 221 yards, most of the yardage coming after the Boilermakers had built a 23-7 lead through three quarters. The Ohio State offense had 120 yards at that point against a Purdue defense which had been gashed for 31 points and 380

yards per game in its first six outings. The only Ohio State (5-2, 3-1) touchdown after the opening few minutes of the game was on Pryor's ill-advised, looping 25-yard pass that DeVier Posey caught midway through the final quarter.

Pryor came to Ohio State last year heralded as the nation's No. 1 quarterback recruit. Ahead of him on the depth chart was Todd Boeckman, a first-team All-Big Ten quarterback who led the Buckeyes to the national championship game in 2007.

But three games into the 2008 season, Boeckman threw two interceptions in a lopsided 35-3 loss at Southern California — against a defense which would have seven players taken in the NFL draft the next spring.

Three days after that game, Tressel benched the fifth-year senior and installed Pryor as the full-time starter.



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KICKIN' IT: Chuko Ewarye looks for an open teammate in a loss earlier this season.

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Man charged with printing phony \$50 bills to pay dancer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A Wyoming man has been charged with counterfeiting money to pay an exotic dancer for a private performance. Rickey A. Kempter, 50, faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors said Kempter hired the exotic dancer for a private dance at the Lariat Motel, and Kempter and the dancer shared a taxi to the location. The taxi driver called police after they arrived, saying Kempter asked him to hold a roll of \$50 bills and he noticed that they looked odd and were not cut evenly.

Court documents said Kempter told investigators that he made the bills on a printer in his home, but that he planned to go home and get real money to pay the dancer.

Ohio football mom blasts school with sign in yard

BERLIN HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio mother who says her son got a raw deal from his middle school's football program has put her feelings on a marquee-style sign in her yard. Amy Ortnier's bright yellow sign in Berlin Heights in northern Ohio has letters about six inches tall and the message, "Berlin football — Shame Shame — We don't play those kind of games!"

Ortnier said after her son, Keegan, trained with the team for weeks and paid \$70 for a physical and cleats, she was told the student handbook said his grades weren't good enough to play. Ortnier said the school won't pay back the \$70.

A school board member and a local business owner have offered her the money to take down the sign, but Ortnier claims they're more interested in appearances than in justice for her son.

Cops: Man grabs football, bites neighbor on mouth

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Police say a Detroit-area man bit through a neighbor's lips after he picked up a football that accidentally had been tossed onto his lawn by some teenagers. The man was accused of confiscating the football Sunday evening and refusing to return it until a 28-year-old parent walked up to him and asked for the ball.

Clinton Township Detective Capt. Richard Maierle said the suspect attacked the man, and "the bite went nearly all the way through his mouth."

The man, 44, was arraigned Monday on a charge of assault with intent to maim. That's a 10-year felony.

He was being held in the Macomb County jail.

Maierle told The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens the victim was taken to a hospital for treatment of deep lacerations on the upper and lower lips.

Gunman prays with clerk, then finishes robbery

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Police said a gunman spent nearly 10 minutes on his knees praying with the clerk at an Indianapolis check cashing business before fleeing with her cell phone and \$20 from the register. Security video from the Advance America branch clearly showed the man's face during Monday's stickup, and a 23-year-old man surrendered yesterday on a preliminary charge of robbery.

The robbery took an unusual turn after the gunman came around the counter as the clerk told police she began crying and then talked about God. The man said he had a 2-year-old child to support and asked for prayers about overcoming his hardships.

Sgt. Kevin Wethington said the clerk's actions "certainly didn't hurt" preventing more troubles in the store on the city's east side near Washington Square Mall.

Florida burglar caught sleeping in pub's freezer

RIDGE MANOR, Fla. (AP) — A Gulf Coast man was arrested after falling asleep in the freezer of a shuttered pub he was trying to rob. Investigators said the man hopped a fence in Ridge Manor and pried open a locked storage shed. He allegedly ate a can of tomatoes, entered the walk-in freezer and took a nap.

A Hernando deputy discovered the 49-year-old on Sunday during a security check of the building. He faces a commercial burglary charge.

Man on police ride-along stomps opossum to death

DANVILLE, Va. (AP) — A Virginia man on a police ride-along was found guilty of animal cruelty after he jumped out of the police car and stomped an opossum to death. The Danville Register & Bee reported Tuesday that 25-year-old Evan Bryce Schuler saw the opossum run along a fence. A police officer testified that Schuler ran up to the fence, grabbed the links and "started stomping."

Schuler's lawyer, James Priest, said Schuler grew up on a farm where opossums killed his chickens and acted on instinct. Priest appealed the district court's ruling and the case will move to circuit court.

Los Angeles district attorney vows to target medical marijuana shops

By Greg Risling
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Clay Tepel knew there were risks to setting up a medical marijuana shop: it could lose money, be robbed or be raided by authorities.

Still, he wasn't expecting the phone call one August day when a voice said the police were outside and he needed to open up or they would bust down the door. His first thought, that it was a joke, turned to terror when he opened the door.

Heavily armed officers in helmets, bulletproof vests and, oddly enough, Bermuda shorts stormed his store, handcuffed him, disabled security cameras and seized his drugs before taking him to jail. When he asked why his shop was invaded, an officer responded, "We're closing them all down."

Those words could prove prescient after Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said last week he wants to shutter clinics that sell pot for profit. Cooley's plan is the latest salvo in a prolonged conflict in California over whether medical marijuana is truly having its intended effect or is being abused by the larger population.

Until recently, raids on clinics typically led to federal prosecutions, but Cooley's remarks and similar ones from Attorney General Jerry Brown signal a new approach to clear the haze left by Proposition 215, the 1996 state ballot measure that allowed sick people with referrals from doctors and an identification card to smoke pot.

"Everybody is scared," said Tepel, who has spoken with

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Clay Tepel | Pot store owner

other pot store operators. "Why are voters' rights being stepped all over? This kind of blind justice has to stop."

The crackdown is a crushing blow for dispensary owners who were relieved in March when U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said federal agents would only go after marijuana distributors who violate both federal and state laws.

A new policy memo issued Monday by the Justice Department told prosecutors that pot-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers should not be targeted for federal prosecution in states that allow medical marijuana. The guidelines do, however, make it clear that federal agents will go after people whose distribution goes beyond what is permitted

under state law or use medical marijuana as a cover for other crimes.

The comments Holder made earlier this year appear to have emboldened entrepreneurs as marijuana shops cropped up across California. In Los Angeles alone, there are an estimated 800 dispensaries, more than any other city in the nation. In 2005, there were only four, authorities said.

Cooley contends a vast majority of several hundred outlets his office investigated aren't following state law. Initially, the law allowed authorized marijuana users to grow their own plants, but lawmakers revised the law in 2003 to allow collectives to provide pot grown by members.

Cooley said he would target stores who are profiting and selling to people who don't qualify for medicinal marijuana.

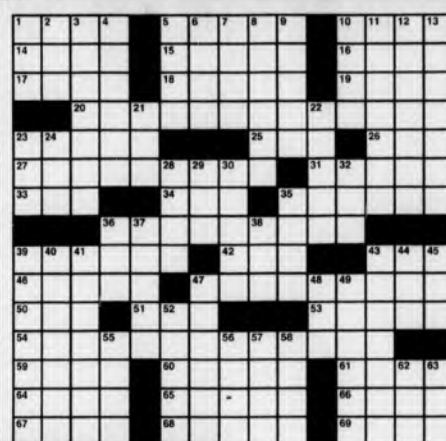
"All those who are operating illegally, our advice to them is to shut down voluntarily and they won't be subject to prosecution," Cooley told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

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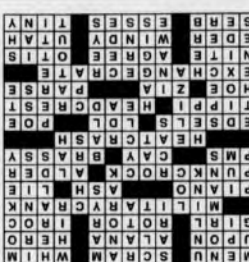
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